

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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For: ELECTRICAL CONTACTS : Atty Docket: 20272/0688
AND METHODS OF :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

3. (Amended) An electrical socket according to Claim 1, wherein the socket includes three groups of two wires each.

4. (Amended) An electrical socket according to claim 1, wherein said retaining structure includes a ring at each end of the socket, and wherein said wires are retained in groups by attachment to said rings at opposite ends of the socket.

Please add the following new claims.

11. (New) An electrical socket according to Claim 2, wherein the socket includes three groups of two wires each.

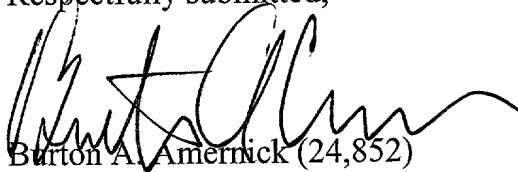
12. (New) An electrical socket according to claim 2, wherein said retaining structure includes a ring at each end of the socket, and wherein said wires are retained in groups by attachment to said rings at opposite ends of the socket.

13. (New) An electrical socket according to claim 3, wherein said retaining structure includes a ring at each end of the socket, and wherein said wires are retained in groups by attachment to said rings at opposite ends of the socket.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve their format. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX – MARKED UP SET

3. (Amended) An electrical socket according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the socket includes three groups of two wires each.

4. (Amended) An electrical socket according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said retaining structure includes a ring at each end of the socket, and wherein said wires are retained in groups by attachment to said rings at opposite ends of the socket.